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1. On 7 June 1952, the barracks installation in Wildpark-West near Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) east of the Grosse Entenfaenger See was occupied by a motor transport unit. Signboards with the No 51559 followed by the letter Y or K were seen in the corridors of the installation. A worker who had been employed for a long time at the installation stated that, since August 1951, the installation had been occupied by a signal unit of about 300 soldiers with motor vehicles

The signal unit left the installation for an unknown destination on 28 May. New troops who mostly wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia including some with signal insignia had moved in. They had come from the direction of Leipzig (N 52/R 21) with motor vehicles

About 2,500 troops of this unit and 300 motor vehicles were in the installation on 7 June. the motor vehicles were organized into groups of 20 including a tank trailer. Additional groups of tank cars and tank trailers and 10 repair shop cars with trailers were seen. A T-shaped three-story building which was referred to as Block 25 housed six companies each consisting of between 80 and 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. (1)

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2. On 7 June, the Kriegsschule at the corner of the Pappel Allee and Kirsch Allee in Bornstedt was vacated. Motor vehicles hauled all the billeting equipment in the direction of Wildpark. Officer candidates who allegedly came from Zossen (N 52/Z 91) reoccupied the installation. They arrived on trucks

3. the Adolf Hitler Kaserne north of Pappel Allee would be occupied by Volkspolizei. On 29 May, about 60 trucks were seen in the hutment in the northwest section of the installation which previously was vacant. (3)

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4. At 9 a.m. on 31 May, about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, numerous billeting equipment and an undetermined number of trucks

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5. Between 4 and 6 p.m. on 4 June 1952, a large quantity of billeting equipment, which had arrived on trucks

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was loaded at the Potsdam railroad station. The loading was continued on 5 June. Trucks were observed. (5) On 5 June, billeting equipment which had been shipped to the railroad station on trucks was loaded at the Wildpark railroad station. Sedans were seen nearby.

6. On 5 June, all types of billeting equipment were loaded in the Habelsberg restricted area. Trucks were seen.

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7. During the period from 2 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 4 June, 25 trucks

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were loaded at the Wildpark-West railroad station. (5)

8. From 10 a.m. to noon on 5 June, an artillery unit equipped with guns of medium caliber was loaded at the Potsdam railroad station. The guns were covered with canvas. Trucks were seen. (5)

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9. At about 4:30 p.m. on 3 June, billeting equipment, ammunition boxes and fuel barrels as well as about 60 troops from the Ludendorff Kaserne and Hohenlohe Kaserne east of Nedlitzer Strasse were loaded at the Wildpark railroad station. Trucks

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were involved in the loading operation.

10. At 8:30 p.m. on 4 June, about 60 soldiers, numerous billeting equipment and lathes were seen ready for loading on about 45 boxcars at the Potsdam railroad station. They had been shipped to the station on trucks

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#### Comments.

- (1) The information observation confirm the 56th Motor Transport of the GDR as stationed in the Wildpark-West barracks installation near Potsdam until 7 June 1952.

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The signal unit, probably of the GDR, which previously was stationed in the barracks installation had been known but its strength was reported for the first time. This unit probably moved to Wunsdorf.

- (2) The occupation of the Kriegsschule by officer candidates course of the GDR from Wunsdorf has been repeatedly reported.

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- (3) Hitler Kaserne was probably occupied by a motor vehicle repair shop and other units.

- (4) A train which carried officer candidates of the GDR course from Wunsdorf is referred to.

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- (5) The loading mentioned is a part of the transfer to Wuenadorn of the 2d Gds AAA Div which continued until 5 June 1952. The transfer began on 27 May 1952, and the departure of the division from the Hohenlohe Kaserne was reported [REDACTED]

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- (6) The information indicates that the transfer of the GONG headquarters and offices was continued until 5 June 1952.

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